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Further information on UA 76/91 (ASA 39/02/91, 28 February 1991) - Legal Concern: Prisoners of Conscience

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According to press reports and information from human rights groups in Thailand, on 8 March all 15 of the above named students and others were released on bail.

However, they have been required to appear in court on 10 April to face charges that they violated Announcement 7 of the National Peace-Keeping Council, now renamed the National Peace-Keeping Assembly, which prohibits political gatherings of more than five people. The charges relate to a peaceful rally organized on 25 February 1991 to protest the military coup d'etat carried out by the National Peace-Keeping Council on 23 February.

Amnesty International considered the 15 prisoners of conscience, held for their peaceful exercise of the rights to freedom of expression, opinion and assembly. The organization is urging that their release be made unconditional, and that all legal proceedings against them be dropped.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:**

- welcoming reports that these fifteen prisoners of conscience were released on bail on, but urging that their release be made unconditional and all legal proceedings against them be dropped.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Thailand in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 April 1991.